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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS BONN ANKARA MUNICH,
AUG 3, FROM SOFIA RPTD TO YOU:
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SUBJECT: GOB CUSTOMS WILLING TO CONTINUE NARCOTICS COOPERATION
WITH US

DEPT PASS DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER MET AUGUST 2 WITH
DIRECTOR BULGARIAN CUSTOMS BONEV AND NARCOTICS
SPECIALIST TSVETKOV TO INFORM THEM OF CREATION OF DEA
ENCOMPASSING FORMER CUSTOMS OFFICIALS DEALING WITH
NARCOTICS.

2. BOTH AGREED THAT CHANGE WAS INTERNAL US GOVERNMENT
MATTER THAT WOULD NOT AFFECT US-BULGARIAN COOPERATION
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IN CUSTOMS CONTROL. TSVETKOV, HOWEVER, SOUGHT

ASSURANCES THAT COOPERATION WOULD NOT EXTEND TO ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITIES FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH BNDD. TSVETKOV
SAID THAT SO LONG AS "NO NEW ELEMENTS" INTRODUCED
AS RESULT OF CHANGE, BULGARIAN CUSTOMS HAPPY TO
CONTINUE LIAISON WITH RAKOWSKY AND OTHER US OFFICIALS
"WHOSE PRIMARY CONCERN IS BORDER CONTROL".

3. COMMENT: TSVETKOV (AND PROBABLY BONEV) CLEARLY
WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY WILL BE DEALING WITH SAME
PERSONNEL EVEN IF WEARING DIFFERENT HATS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS,
THEREFORE, THAT IF DEA PERSONNEL FORMERLY ASSOCIATED
WITH BNDD WISH CONTACT BULGARIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
THEY DO SO THROUGH RAKOWSKY IN MUNICH OR EMBASSY
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